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March 9, 2023

The Honorable Mike Ezell 443 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Subject: City of Laurel, Mississippi, West Drive Roadway and Utility Improvements

Dear Congressman Ezell:

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) has reviewed the City of Laurel's proposal for FY 2024 Community Project Funding. This letter is to confirm:

- 1. The project is eligible for federal-aid highway funding under title 23, United States Code;
- 2. MDOT is willing to provide oversight of the project, carried out by the local public agency, in accordance with federal regulations if funding is enacted; and
- 3. The project will be included in the STIP if funding is enacted.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brad White

Executive Director





Johnny Magee Mayor

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Dear Congressman Ezell,

The City of Laurel is applying for the FY2024 Community Project Fund for the West Drive Roadway and Utility Improvements Project. The estimated cost to provide the upgrades is approximately \$2.5 million including asphalt paving, infrastructure and safety improvements, engineering and contingency. The City of Laurel is committed to a 20% match of the total project cost. Upon completion of the project, the City will maintain the street through its street maintenance fund.

West Drive is a major roadway in Laurel carrying traffic to neighborhoods, nursing homes, businesses, the local airport and our public middle school. Our goal is to provide a safer transportation corridor for our citizens, and the West Drive Roadway and Utility Improvements Project is vital to achieving this goal. I hope that you will give the City of Laurel every consideration as you evaluate its application.

Yours very truly,

Johnny Magee, Mayor City of Laurel